<u>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE</u>

IN RE APPLICATION OF

TAKEO NIWA : EXAMINER: UNASSIGNED

SERIAL NO: 10/670,354

FILED: SEPTEMBER 26, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1775

FOR: CERAMIC SUBSTRATE AND SINTERED ALUMINUM NITRIDE

<u>PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION</u>

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application dated December 22, 2003, Applicant herewith requests withdrawal of said notice and granting of the filing date of September 26, 2003, for the following reason:

The above-identified application was filed with a complete set of the Specification (including Pages 27-29).

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt and a copy of the utility patent application transmittal evidencing filing a complete set of the Specification, 33 pages (including Pages 27-29) when the application was filed on September 26, 2003. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicant' Attorney is providing a copy of Pages 27-29 of the Specification previously filed in the above-identified application.

It is believed that the above discussion and documents enclosed herewith clearly prove that the complete set of the Specification (including Pages 27-29) was filed.

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In order to comply with the Patent Office requirement, Applicant is enclosing herewith a Petition fee in the amount of \$130.00. However, with the above noted evidence, the Applicant requests a full refund towards our deposit Account No. 15-0030.

Accordingly, it is requested that the prosecution be allowed to continue in the present application, and the filing date be granted to September 26, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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